

Poetry Writing Rubric

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	Excellent	Average	Poor
	(5 points)	(3 points)	(1 point)
Cohesiveness	The poem goes perfectly together. There is unity between lines and stanzas, which connect with the topic.	The poem somewhat goes together but needs more cohesiveness. The poem's lines and stanzas sometimes sway from the topic.	The poem does not go together. The poems lines and stanzas sway from the topic.
Use of poetic elements	The poem uses 3 or more poetic elements to enhance the poem and the reader's emotions.	The poem uses 1 or 2 poetic elements but they sometimes distract the reader.	The poem uses no poetic elements.
Rhythm	The poem uses rhythm throughout, which benefits the poetic tone.	The poem sometimes uses rhythm but may waver in a way that distracts the reader and negatively affects the tone.	The poem does not have any noticeable rhythm.
Creativity	The poem uses 3 or more unique metaphors and similes to describe situations, objects, and people.	The poem uses 1 or 2 unique metaphors and similes to describe situations, objects, and people.	The poem does not use unique metaphors and similes.